



# MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK

## VISITOR DISTRIBUTION & TRANSPORTATION STUDY/EIS

### How to View and Interpret the Preliminary Alternatives



1. There is a set of **Assumptions Common to All Alternatives** that includes scheduled projects and programmed actions for Mesa Verde National Park. See separate exhibit for a list of these projects and services.
2. So what do we mean by “high frequency bus/tram”? To help you understand the different transportation technologies, refer to the **Alternative Transportation Technologies** exhibit.
3. The **Alternative Maps** represent a summary of primary elements for the wide range of options to be evaluated (not all details and facilities are shown).
4. In developing these alternatives, all concepts suggested to date (including your alternatives from the July 2003 Workshop) were screened to identify the most promising concepts to be carried forward for evaluation. Those not carried forward are presented in the **Alternatives Considered But Eliminated – And Why** exhibit.

### Next Steps in Project

- Visitor facility schedules, ranger-guided tours and transportation services and access provisions /restrictions will vary by season. These characteristics will be detailed in the next phase of the project.
- Service frequencies and daily operating hours for bus transit and aerial cableway options will be further detailed based on estimates of future seasonal visitor demand.
- Vehicle types and technologies for bus transit and aerial cableway options will be evaluated further based on passenger capacity requirements, vehicle/system performance needs, physical design constraints, costs (capital and operating), fuel/energy consumption, and environmental considerations (emissions, noise, aesthetics, resource impacts, etc).